

[23-158](#) Presentation and discussion on projects and opportunities in the parks and other service areas.

Director Liz Langenbach gave an update on parks and other service areas including the playground at Prospector Park and the vault restroom and ramada at Silly Mountain are in. Postive comments were made by Chair Schoenbeck regarding this area. The director continued giving updates on the Superstition Shadows Park, Dutchman Dog Park, and the Focal Point which included lighting, tennis courts, ADA ramps and sidewalks, fencing, and the closure of the dog park for 5 weeks for drainage repairs and grass work beginning April 10th, as well as the installation of new flowers at the focal point. She answered questions that arose.

[23-159](#) Presentation, discussion and update on upcoming events and activities and recreation programming updates.

Recreation Superintendent Jamie Sullivan updated the commission on the loss of our Aquatics Coordinator who moved and was replaced by Elliott Anuta. He addressed the commission giving his background and an enthusiastic review of his new duties. Superintendent Sullivan continued her presentation by reviewing specific special events from last month and other notable activities as well as upcoming events this spring, summer and fall. She noted that volunteers are needed to ensure the success of the slated events and several commissioners spoke up to offer assistance where needed.

7. Old Business

[23-160](#) Discussion and consideration to approve the revisions and updates to city code Article 2-8 and Article 3-13.

Attachments: [Article 2-8 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION-Redline](#)
[Article 3-13 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT-Redline](#)

Commissioner Diele Kyhn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Teralle Moore, that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve redline changes to Article 2-8 and Article 3-13 as presented, and that they be recommended to the Apache Junction City Council. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Schoenbeck, Vice Chair Moeller, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Bigelow

No: 0

Liz Langenbach introduced discussion to consider and approve updates to city codes pertaining to the Parks and Recreation department. Article 2-8 and Article 3-13 were reviewed, a motion was made with detailed revisions, and they were unanimously approved. These changes will be recommended to the city council.

[23-162](#) Discussion and update on the Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan.

Director Langenbach gave an overview of the Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan which included the presentation of two documents to help commissioners understand the feedback given by the community. She utilized a visual presentation which covered 4 Components including Park Expansion and Development, Program/Service Expansion, Marketing Strategy Assessment, and Funding Strategy Assessment. Next steps and goals were covered and notice was given that Riley King, Management Analyst, will be sharing a draft of a summary in June.

[23-163](#)

Update on the process to purchase 20 acres of our current BLM leased property at the Rodeo Grounds.

Attachments: [BLM LEASED PP AND RODEO](#)

Liz Langenbach gave an update on the Rodeo Grounds purchase and used a handout so that commissioners could see the 20 acre section of the park being discussed. She informed the group that we can utilize ancillary areas and the limitations included with that usage. Discussion about parking ensued. She also mentioned that we need more staff to manage this acquisition.

8. New Business

[23-164](#)

Presentation and overview of the City of Apache Junction website resources including an updated facilities webpage and the City's GIS site.

Director Langenbach offered a quick introduction to an overview of the city's website and other resources before turning the meeting over to Riley King, Management Analyst, who gave a visual presentation on the website and the GIS pages available to the commissioners as well as the public. She explained how to use the maps, the Parks & Recreation Facility page, and reviewed much of the site so that people can know how to find information easily. Positive comments were shared by many commissioners.

9. Call to Public

None.

10. Call for Future Agenda Items

Chair Frank Schoenbeck would like updates on cameras in the parks as well as restroom updates.

11. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose

[23-165](#)

Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 3, 2023 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard.

Commissioner Terralle Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Diele Kyhn that the regular session of the Parks and Recreation Commission be held May 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. This was approved.

Yes: 6 - Chairperson Schoenbeck, Vice Chair Moeller, Commissioner Borey, Commissioner Kyhn, Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Bigelow

No: 0

12. Adjournment

Chair Frank Schoenbeck adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.